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Community picnic

South Bay residents are invited to a free "Community Picnic" on Friday, April 11 from 4 to 8 p.m. in Tanner Park.

The event is being held to encourage any family who has not filled out their Census form to come and be able to receive help with the form. Also, any family who did NOT receive the form is encouraged to attend so they can also be assisted. For more information, call City Clerk Virginia Walker at 996-6761.

Children's Fishing Contest is Saturday

The Black Gold Jubilee Children's Fishing Contest will be Saturday, April 8 at the Belle Glade Marina.

The event, hosted by Belle Glade Fire Rescue, begins at 9 a.m. and is free and open to all children ages 0-12.

Registration forms will be picked up early at the Belle Glade City Hall, 1000 N. Fire Street, the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce or at any of the local schools.

Retirement Luncheon

The faculty and staff of Glades Central Community High School is sponsoring a retirement luncheon for Myrtle Clayton, who is retiring after 32 years of teaching media resources in the Media Center/Library.

The community, students, and friends of Mrs. Clayton are invited to celebrate her retirement at a buffet luncheon on April 23 at 1 p.m. in the Media Center of Glades Central. Cost of the luncheon is \$20.

Anyone wishing to attend should contact Laura Heard by April 10 at 993-4403.

Retirement Dinner for Antoine Russell

A retirement dinner is being planned for Antoine Russell, principal at School of CHOICE in Pahokee.

The event will be held Saturday, May 13 at Bink's Forest Country Club in Wellington. The donation is \$35 and due by April 15.

For more information contact Letangula McCauley at School of CHOICE 924-6510.

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April 4
14.94 ft. above
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Bellamy Brothers headliners at Jubilee 2000

Country hit makers The Bellamy Brothers will perform in a free concert at the annual Black Gold Jubilee on the Lakeside Concert Stage at 8 p.m., April 15. The event will be held at the Belle Glade Marina.

David and Howard Bellamy struck gold in 1976 with their #1 hit "Let Your Love Flow," and 30 top ten hits followed, with 14 #1s that included "If I Said You Had A Beautiful Body Would You Hold It Against Me," "Sugar Daddy," "Do You Love As Good As You Look," and "Kids of the Baby Boom."

To date, The Bellamy Brothers have more major award nominations than any duo in country music history. They have released over 28 albums, which have garnered them over 13 #1 singles, 30 plus Top 10 Hits and 52 chart singles. The Bellamys' latest album is "Lonely Planet," recorded on Charlie Daniels' record label. This duo continues to deliver to one of music's most diverse crowds, and they remain a presence on the video networks, in dance clubs and on oldies stations.

Jubilee events kick off Thursday, April 6, with the Little Mr. and Miss Black Gold Pageant at 7 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

Events continue on Saturday April 8 with the Children's Fishing Contest at the Belle Glade Marina. Registration is from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and fishing begins at 9 a.m. Parents are encouraged to bring their children ages 0-15.

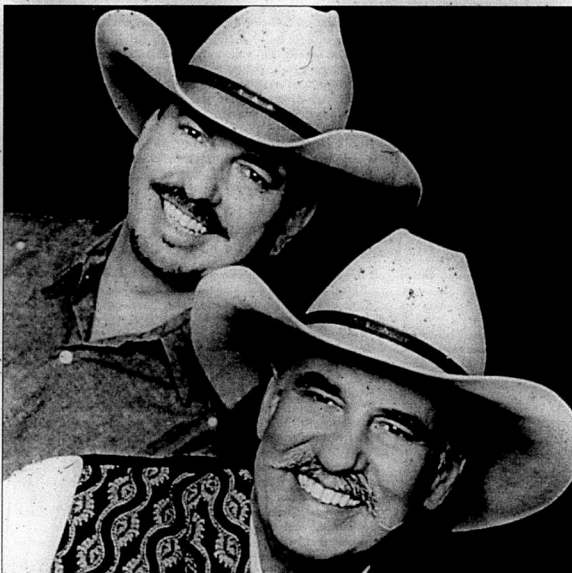
The Jubilee Night Golf and the dance will be Saturday, April 8. Golf starts at 7 p.m. and the dance will begin at 9 p.m.

The Jubilee Gospel Sing will be held Tuesday, April 11 at the Community United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. The Harvest Queen Pageant is April 14 and begins at 7 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

The main Jubilee weekend is Saturday, April 15 and begins with a 5K Walk/Run at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course. A parade down Main Street begins at 10 a.m. and then activities move back to the Belle Glade Marina.

There will be arts and crafts, a multitude of free children's activities, entertainment on the main stage all day, a variety of food vendors and a street painting competition.

For more information on the many events planned, contact Janise Goforth at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce at 996-2745 or Jubilee Chair Carl Seibert at 993-3343.



The Bellamy Brothers will perform on the Lakeside Entertainment Stage at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 15 at the Belle Glade Marina during the 22nd Annual Black Gold Jubilee.

Police Department, task force to address problems in Amaryllis neighborhood

By Tracy Whirls

A group of Pahokee residents have formed a task force, the Pahokee Urban Redevelopment Committee, and are meeting each Tuesday to plan revitalization efforts in the Second Street/Amaryllis neighborhood of Pahokee.

Members of the group including Flora Todd, Scott Parker and Barbara Branch told the Pahokee commission at their regular meeting last Tuesday that they will work closely with other agencies, including the city, police department and others to identify and purchase derelict buildings with the goal of demolishing them and offering the property for resale, to attract new businesses to the area, and to eliminate drug trafficking in the neighborhood.

Barbara Branch told the commissioners that a group of Eagle Academy students working to clean up trash in the neighborhood recovered two, gallon-sized freezer bags full of packages that had apparently been used to package narcotics.

Pahokee Police Chief Carmen Salvatore told commissioners that he and officers assigned to patrol the neighborhood will meet with the citizens group weekly to hear their concerns, but he said the lack of available manpower to mount a permanent police presence in the area hampers efforts to eliminate drug trafficking in the neighborhood.

"We can go in for two or three



Pahokee resident Barbara Branch showed commissioners drug-related debris picked up in the Amaryllis area during the Clean Up project.

days and really saturate the area, but without a sustained police presence the third day they'll be back," Chief Salvatore said.

Commissioner Keith Babb commended the residents for treating the task force and urged the police department to

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Nine file for Pahokee commission, mayor's race

By Tracy Whirls

Nine candidates will vie for three commission seats and the mayor's job when Pahokee residents vote on May 2.

Vice Mayor Roy Singletary announced last month that he was resigning his commission seat to seek the mayor's post, currently held by incumbent Mayor Alvis Davis.

Also on the ballot for the election are:

- City Commission Group I: E. Eugene Babb, Hugh H. Branch and Larry M. Wright.
 - City Commission Group II: Glen H. Carrick and incumbent Commissioner Pete Moore.
 - City Commission Group III: Incumbent Commissioner Keith W. Babb, Jr. and Kay Zaccagnino.
- Winners of the May 2 election will serve a two-year term.

Smelly thieves? Three caught stealing \$36 worth of deodorant from Family Dollar

Three alleged odor deodorant thieves found out it sometimes doesn't pay to worry about underarm odor.

Belle Glade Police responded to a call from Family Dollar Store at 551 S.W. 16th Street, Tuesday morning about 9 a.m. Store personnel said they caught three people stealing roll-on deodorant and hiding it in a sliced open basketball. Arrested were Charles Grey, 27, Parrish Robinson, 36, and Valerie Robinson, 41, all of Belle Glade.

Store officials said after witnessing the theft, they locked the front door and called police. Officers Michael Woodside, Carol Sessions and Dabel Acosta responded. Officer Woodside said the three suspects have prior records and Robinson was arrested earlier in the week for theft. The value of the deodorant was listed at about \$36. Police believe the trio planned to sell the stolen merchandise to another store in town at half price.

The three have been charged with retail theft. The detective bureau is still investigating the case.



Officer Michael Woodside holds the cut basketball filled with some of the Right Guard deodorant stolen from Family Dollar on Tuesday. Photo By Brenda Bunting



Glade View Elementary students in grades Kindergarten through third participated in an exciting nine week trip around the world. They traveled to Africa, Australia, South America, Central America and Asia. Each grade studied the geography and culture of a continent. The travelers concluded their trip with a multicultural fair and participated in three interactive activities dealing with drama, music and art. The cafeteria became a cultural museum, with each class displaying projects and information about their continent.

Glade View Elementary would like to thank Black Gold Hair Salon, MODA and Steve Moore Auto Nation USA for their supporting in enhancing the academic achievement of the students.

Summer school dates and Glades locations announced

The Palm Beach County School District announced Summer School 2000 dates and locations March 28.

In the Glades Area, Elementary ESOL and ESE students as well as eighth grade students who have failed a class are eligible for summer school classes five days a week, five hours a day, beginning Thursday, July 6-Aug. 2 (20 days) at Lake Shore Middle School in Belle Glade.

Glades Area High School students, including ESE, ESOL and other general education students who have failed a class are eligible to attend one of two summer school sessions, five days a week, six and one half hours a day beginning June 20 and ending Wednesday June 26 (26 days) at Pahokee High School. The first semester of summer school classes will begin Tuesday, June 20-Friday, July 7. Tuesday July 4 is a holiday. Second semester begins Monday, July 10 and continues through Wednesday, July 26.

The following information clarifies the eligibility requirements to be used to refer students for Summer School/Extended School Year (ESY).

For elementary school students, Limited English Proficient (LEP) students in grades K-5 (all categories of LEP students) are eligible to attend summer school for language maintenance needs. The following requirements must be met:

- The recommendation to attend summer school must be documented in each student's individual LEP plan.

- The LEP plan for 1999-2000 also serves as the summer school LEP plan.

- In addition, all students in grades PreK-5 receiving ESE services with an IEP must be considered for Extended School Year (ESY).

- An IEP team meeting must be held to determine the need for ESY services.

- The IEP team will determine objectives to be addressed (using the current IEP and documentation of progress) during ESY.

At the middle school level, general education eighth grade students who fail a class may attend summer school. A student in grade eight who fails only one core course (mathematics, English, science or social studies) must attend and successfully complete summer school to be promoted.

Limited English Proficient (LEP) students in grades 6-8 (all categories of LEP students) are eligible to attend summer school for language maintenance needs. The following requirements must be met:

- The recommendation to attend summer school must be documented in each student's individual LEP plan.

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- Any LEP student in grade 8 who fails only one core course (mathematics, English, science or social studies) must attend and successfully complete summer school to be promoted. Any LEP student in grade 8 who passes all core courses but fails at elective that is one of the five required courses for promotion must attend and successfully complete summer school by taking Critical Thinking Skills to be promoted.

- In addition, all students in grades 6-8 receiving ESE services with an IEP must be considered for Extended School Year (ESY).

- An IEP team meeting must be held to determine the need for ESY services.

- The IEP team will determine objectives to be addressed (using the current IEP and documentation of progress) during ESY.

Any ESE student in grade 8 who fails only one core course (mathematics, English, science or social studies) must attend and successfully complete summer school to be promoted. Any ESE student in grade 8 who passes all core courses but fails an elective that is one of the five required courses for promotion must attend and successfully complete summer school by taking Critical Thinking Skills to be promoted.

General Education High School students may earn up to one credit in summer school/extended school year. A student currently enrolled in grades 9-11 is eligible to attend summer school to retake a core course (mathematics, English, science or social studies) in which the grade earned was F. Course availability will depend on sufficient enrollment. Instruction on a course being repeated by a student should focus on the student performance standards not met during the regular year.

Twelfth grade students are eligible to retake a core course (mathematics, English, science or social studies) in which the grade earned was F. Note: For students who earned 9th grade in the 1996-1997 school year, a 2.0 GPA is required for graduation.

Students who will be eligible to graduate at the end of successful completion of summer school may either:

- (1) Retake a course in which the student earned a "D" if the student's GPA is below that required for graduation.
- (2) Take an elective course that will enable the student to meet the course or GPA graduation requirements.

Course availability will depend on the identified needs of students. Instruction on a course being repeated by a student should focus on the student performance standards not met during the regular year.

Students who entered grade 9 prior to the 1996-1997 school year may choose either of the options below to meet graduation requirements: Option 1: 1.5 cumulative GPA on the 24 credits required for graduation and 2.0 GPA on all the credits required for graduation taken after July 1, 1997, or Option 2: 1.5 cumulative GPA on the 24 credits required for graduation and 2.0 cumulative GPA on all courses taken except those for which the forgiveness policy applies.

Limited English Proficient (LEP) students in high school (all categories of LEP students) are eligible to attend summer school for either academic or language maintenance needs. The following requirements must be met:

- The recommendation to attend summer school must be documented in each student's individual LEP plan.

- The LEP plan for 1999-2000 also serves as the summer school LEP plan.

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- The recommendation to attend summer school must be documented in each student's individual LEP plan.

- The LEP plan for 1999-2000 also serves as the summer school LEP plan.

- An LEP student who fails one core course (mathematics, English, science or social studies) should be enrolled in that course for summer school to make up the appropriate credit. (Refer to the General Education section).

LEP students transferring to Palm Beach County are eligible to attend Summer School at any time during summer school session.

All students in grades 9-12 receiving ESE services with an IEP must be considered for Extended School Year (ESY).

- An IEP team meeting must be held to determine the need for ESY services.

- The IEP team will determine objectives to be addressed (using the current IEP and documentation of progress) during ESY.

- Any ESE student who fails a general education course may attend the general education summer school.

Summer School/ESY class time is limited; therefore elementary and middle school student attendance should be closely monitored to ensure optimal student progress. At the high school level, absences are generally not excused and more than one day absence per semester may result in dismissal from class without credit. Absences do not carry over from first semester to second semester.

Two class tardies will be treated as one absence. Students arriving more than 30 minutes after the beginning of the school day are marked absent.

High school students must take a semester examination on the last day of each semester. A student who does not take a semester exam will receive a grade of "I" which will revert to a semester grade of "F". The examination will count 1/5 of the student's final grade as it does during the regular year. No semester examination exemptions are permitted during Summer School.

Washington enters basic training

Army Pvt. Willie F. Washington has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice and human relations.

Washington is the son of an Army soldier who served in the Vietnam War. He is a 1997 graduate of Glades Central High School.

Belle Glade Elementary students featured in Kravis Center "Risk Watch" fundraiser

Belle Glade Elementary School students performed a skit demonstrating safety skills they learned from the Risk Watch Program, which was introduced in their school in the fall of 1999, during a fundraising Fashion Show in the Cohen Pavilion at the Kravis Center Friday, March 31.

Risk Watch is a comprehensive injury prevention curriculum for children in preschool through eighth grade. In the spring of 1998, Palm Beach County was selected as one of six sites in the United States to pilot a three-year Risk Watch longitudinal study. Now in

its second year, the Risk Watch Task Force, made up of the Trauma Foundation, Palm Beach County Health Care District, Palm Beach County School Board, Palm Beach County Fire and Rescue, Palm Beach County Safe Kids Coalition, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and Palm Beach Gardens Fire Rescue, continues to evaluate and implement the program in elementary schools in Palm Beach County. The first year of implementation results in 7-10 1/2 percent gain in educational skills and knowledge for low risk decisions about personal safety. This means that children will be eligible to recognize risk factors (eg. swimming alone, not buckling up, diving in shallow water, playing with matches) and modify their behavior to be safe.

"Risk Watch is all about reducing injury risk factors among children. The children's enthusiastic performance in the skit demonstrates

that they have learned to reduce the incidence of injury by modifying their behavior," says Judy Wohlford-Parkham, injury prevention program coordinator, for the Palm Beach County Health Care District and Risk Watch Task Force member. "Every year in the United States, one quarter of all children 14 and under are hurt seriously enough to require medical attention. In Palm Beach County, 76 percent of the injury-related deaths of children under the age of 18 were preventable. Injuries to children are not inevitably part of growing up, injuries are preventable. Our commitment to the reduction of injury and injury-related death to our children is crucial."

Donations from the fundraiser will be used to purchase course curriculum and to staff a Program Coordinator for the Risk Watch Program in Palm Beach County.

Celebration to honor Rosenwald's Annie Ruth Russell's retirement

After 35 years of dedicated service in the district as an educator, mentor, friend and media specialist, Annie Ruth Russell will step down and retire to a life of leisure, luxury and relaxation. Please join the staff in a celebration to honor Mrs. Russell on Friday evening, April 28 at 6 p.m. in Rosenwald's Cafeteria. The donation for those wishing to attend is \$25.

All checks are to be made payable to Annie Russell's Retirement Fund, c/o Ms. Annette Allen, chairperson for this event. Send your check to Rosenwald Elementary School, 1321 Martin Luther King Blvd., South Bay, Fla. 33493. Via pony mail: Rosenwald Elementary School, West Area. The deadline for all donations is April 14.

Should you have any questions and would like to contact the school, please call (561) 993-4058 or PX 44058.

Glades Day Honor Roll

Grade Day School All A Honor Roll for the third marking period includes:

Grade 7: Jaimee Alvarez and Aliana Payret.

Grade 9: Natalie Alvarez, Sadie McKee and Nicholas S. Sanchez.

Grade 10: Dustin C. Echenique, Kerri Mfilita and Matthew C. Sanchez.

Grade 11: Peggy W. Altman.

Grade 12: Kelly L. Alvarez, Joshua C. Braddock, Jonathan M. Lively and Brittany D. Meeks.

All A and B Honor Roll for the third marking period:

Grade 7: Ginie Anderson, Laura S. Harvey, Mallory McKee, Haley A. Meeks and Zachary M. Prescott.

Grade 8: Jorge Alonso, Preston Baez, Amanda Browder, David J. Hall, Kasey A. Hawk, Jimena Reyes, Ian S. Orduna and Andrea Payret.

Grade 9: Gary Brooks, Ashley A. Dixon, Brian A. Gunners, Blake Herran, Justin Longoria, Sweta Patel, Brannan M. Thomas and Andriana Yzaguirre.

Grade 10: Hela Barhouss, Chandra J. Manuel, Chris Sisson, Melanie L. Walker, Eric R. Wingate, and Jeffrey A. Woodham.

Grade 11: Joanna Alvarez, Angela H. Gonzales, Megan T. Kurnitsky, Rebecca Outz, Denise Penzel, Matt Prescott, Timothy J. Ryan, Sarabeth Tosadé, and Marybeth Tynik.

Grade 12: April N. Hart, Sandra G. Lines, Cristina I. Llorens, Elizabeth A. McDaniel, Victoria G. Provenziale, Kara L. Salvatore, Kelly D. Salvatore, Farrah L. Shutts, and Rachel Stern.

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12oz Ribeye Dinner served with Salad, Fresh Baked Bread & Choice of Potato: \$10.99 w/ coupon

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- April 6 HIV / AIDS / DV #16426
Thurs Evening 7 - 9pm
Florida Resident fee: \$17.00
- April 10 Cardiac Enzyme Markers: Troponin #16423
Mon Evening 6 - 9 pm
Florida Resident fee: \$20.00
- April 11-13 Stress Management for Health Care Professionals #16429
Tues / Thurs 6 - 9 pm
Florida Resident fee: \$35.00
- April 29 CPR / Basic Life Support #16738
Saturday 9 am - 5 pm
Florida Resident fee: \$40.00
- April 29 Child Care First Aid / CPR #16178
Saturday 8 am - 5 pm
Florida Resident fee: \$30.00
- May 1 OSHA #16428
Thurs 6 - 9 pm
Florida Resident fee: \$17.00
- May 4 Bereavement: Natural, Accidental, Homicide, Suicide #16422
Thurs 5:30 - 8:30 pm
Florida Resident fee: \$17.00
- May 4 Environmental Nutrition: Food Safety & Global Issues #16424
Thurs 9 am - 1 pm
Florida Resident fee: \$18.00

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Sun spots

Church fellowship

Members of Greater Union Missionary Baptist Church, 249 N.W. 9th Avenue, South Bay, invite the public to attend their Pre-Women's Day Celebration. The event will be held Sunday, April 9 beginning at 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call Pastor Charlie Reese at 993-4903.

Census Count 2000

Anyone who did not receive the Census 2000 form or who needs help completing the form can go to any Palm Beach County Library for assistance. All Glades libraries will have a representative to help with question regarding the Census 2000.

The schedule for the Belle Glade Municipal Library is as follows: Monday-Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 to 2:30 and again from 6 to 8 p.m.

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devise a plan to combat drug trafficking in the neighborhood.

In other business, the commissioners approved a motion by vice mayor Roy Singletary to rename East Fifth Street Martin Luther King Blvd. because Martin Luther King Park is located on that street. A motion by Mayor Alvis Davis to rename Rardin Avenue M.L. King Avenue died for a lack of a second.

In other business, the commissioners:

• Approved the use of the newly renovated Park Building by the city Parks and Recreation Department, as the site for an afterschool/summer recreational program, funded by a \$142,000 grant from the

On Thursday and Friday helpers are available from 10 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. On Saturdays, a volunteer will help from 10 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

It's important that everyone be counted. It is also the law.

For more information, call the Belle Glade Municipal Library at 996-3453.

Come meet Tigger

Come meet Tigger at the Belle Glade Branch Library on Saturday, April 8 at 2:30 p.m.

Children ages 3-7 can enjoy stories, songs and face painting.

For more information, please call the library at 996-3453.

Family Literacy Night

The Title I Migrant Family Literacy Night will be held Tuesday, April 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Belle Glade Branch Library.

There will be storytelling, math activities, door prizes and refreshments.

For additional information, please call 993-4082.

Jubilee Volleyball

The deadline for teams to

enter the Jubilee Volleyball Tournament is fast approaching. Volleyball Chairman Dick Schmidt said the application deadline is April 7. To enter your team, call Mr. Schmidt at 996-8782 or the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce at 996-2745.

New foot bridge & 7th Street Bridges open

The City of Belle Glade has reopened the new foot bridge, located directly across from the new Lake Shore Middle School.

The reopening of the bridge will allow the children attending both Lake Shore Middle and Belle Glade Elementary to cross safely, and to not have to deal with the heavy traffic located on the 5th Street Bridge. Parents are urged to have their children use the newly redone foot bridge, not the 6th Street Bridge.

Also, residents should note the 7th Street Bridge has reopened. City officials say there is a slight bump at the south approach. The county has committed money to the city to repair the problem, which should be corrected by June, 2000.

that the effort is made difficult by the city's small staff.

• Approved a revision of the city's ordinance outlining criteria for yard (garage) sales on the first reading. In response to a question from Commissioner Pete Moore, City Manager Ken Schenck said that peddlers will no longer be allowed to operate in the Thirteenth parking lot, since the property's owner has declined to give them written permission, as required by the recently approved peddler ordinance.

• Approved \$82,185 in repairs to the fourteen finger docks at Pahokee Marina which were damaged by Hurricane Irene. The insurance company will cover the cost of the repairs.

Man dies after jumping from bridge

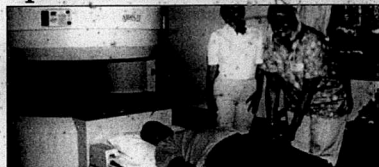
A Canal Point man died Tuesday morning after he jumped from the Canal Point Bridge at SR 441 and Canal Street.

John Davis, Jr., 51, of Canal Point was apparently distraught over his relationship with his girlfriend and jumped from the bridge at approximately 5:30 a.m. April 4.

According to Palm Beach County Sheriff's Detective Tom Lapaglia, a Palm Trans bus driver, who had spoken to the man, notified the sheriff's office.

The Sheriff's Office helicopter and divers attempted to rescue the man but were unsuccessful. The victim's body was recovered from Lake Okechobee at 8:45 a.m. and transported to the medical examiner's office.

Palms West MRI opens state-of-the-art



Dr. John Papa, D.C., of Royal Palm Beach Medical Center experiences the feeling of Palms West MRI's state-of-the-art Hitachi Airis II Open MRI system. Assisting Dr. Papa are Debbie Money, MRI technician, and Mary Ann McCarty, assistant.

Palms West MRI, Palm Beach County's first Open MRI, celebrated the opening of their new location in Royal Palm Beach with an open house on Friday, March 24.

Guests had the opportunity to see, first-hand, Palms West MRI's new Open MRI facility. After evaluating the latest Open MRI systems on the market, Palms West MRI concluded that the Hitachi II has the best scan quality and is unsurpassed for open design. Officials say the Hitachi II offers patients the best of both worlds by being unsurpassed in

patient comfort with state-of-the-art imaging technology.

Proud to continue its leadership in Open MRI, the six radiologists and three technicians who make-up the professional staff at Palms West MRI have a combined total of 93 years of Open MRI experience. They agree, an MRI facility is as good as the equipment and the people who use it.

The newly-opened offices of Palms West MRI are located at 11337 Okeechobee Blvd., Royal Palm Beach.

Belle Glade man dies in traffic accident on South Main Street

A Belle Glade man died after being trapped in his vehicle following a traffic accident on Main Street.

Felix Martinez Guzman, 31, of Belle Glade was pronounced dead at Glades General Hospital.

According to a press release from the Belle Glade Police Department, on Saturday, April 1 at 5 p.m., members of the Belle Glade Police Department responded to 685 South Main Street, Belle Glade, in reference to a traffic ac-

cident. Upon arrival, officers observed a 1993 Dodge passenger vehicle that had extensive damage. The driver of the vehicle was trapped in the vehicle and not responsive.

Members of the Belle Glade Fire Department, utilizing the "Jaws of Life," extracted the victim from the vehicle.

The cause of the accident is unknown and is being investigated by Traffic Homicide Investigator Sgt. Darren Read.

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You are a city elected official and therefore are responsible to us, the people.

Chief Miller and other public people respond to our questions and so do public officials in other towns.

This is only one thing I see in your personality, and one which will not get my vote ever again."

Knows what they saw

"I'd like to add something about Mayor Harma Miller having city employees working around her house on the clock. I know she said this wasn't true, but I saw them too."

So, I think it's a shame that the people of Belle Glade are not being told the truth.

I also heard she has said she won't respond to Speak Out any more. Well, I think we deserve a response and the truth."

Is City of Belle Glade hiring a grants person?

"I have a question for the city commissioners. There are rumors that the city is hiring a person to go out and lobby for grants for the city. I'm not sure I understand this."

Isn't this part of the city manager's job? It was in the previous manager's job duties, and he did it well."

Why are we spending more city funds to do a job that is supposed to be done by the city manager? Does the mayor have another family member needing a job?"

I mean no disrespect towards Mr. Tate, assistant public service director (a.k.a. Harma Miller's son-in-law). He is doing a fine job. But it is also my understanding that this position, like the grant position, was not needed with the previous manager."

Is this because the current department heads can't do the job?"

A concerned taxpayer."

Editor's note: Last week a caller questioned why the old Lake Equipment Tractor Company off State Road 715 was not torn down by the owners since it is an eyesore and a possible safety hazard for the public. After further research, we found that the building is owned by the state, not by an individual, and has not been leased out for almost 10

years. The state has plans for part of the property, but it is their responsibility to tear down the building. It will also be their responsibility if someone is injured by flying debris from the building.

Census missed some in Belle Glade

"Census questionnaires were not delivered to many of west, southwest 12th Street. We are anxious to be included in this count, but can't find anyone who can give us answers for this dilemma."

We need someone to tell us how a section of Belle Glade citizens were left out and who is accountable for this problem."

Telephone bills

"I'm calling about Southern Bell. They have no place where we can electronically pay our bills. I wish someone would look into this and find a place where we could go to pay our bills."

Call Speaks Out about firing of Capt. Frechette

"In reference to the Palm Beach County Deputy Sheriff that was fired from Belle Glade for an alleged relationship he had with one of his coworkers. He was fired because he would not answer their questions."

What about Bill Clinton when he sat up there and said certain sexual acts did not constitute a sexual relationship? Don't you think he dodged a lot? And people still forgave him and he's still president."

It just doesn't seem fair for this man to lose his job when they don't even have proof. It's not fair and it's just not right."

Something's seriously wrong here

"I am reading in the Speak Out about the city employee who has questions and then the editor's note that says 'the mayor of Belle Glade has said she will no longer respond to citizen's concerns or questions in Speak Out.'"

She is a public figure. This is her job. And even though it does take time out of her day, this is part of her business. This is what people elected her to do and if she doesn't want to do that there is something seriously wrong here. Really wrong."

Census is important

"A Census help booth was set up at the local library, but I doubt if people who needed to use this aid. I hope area schools stressed the importance of the forms so some students

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Letters to the Editor

"Women of Accomplishment" an honor to attend

Dear Editor,

On the night of March 27 there was an event at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center in Belle Glade that was a privilege to attend. Not only was the event professionally programmed and carried out, it served a very real purpose in the region, that of honoring various Women of Accomplishment, regardless of their formal education or lack of same. And it introduced some of us to the facility that heretofore had only been a name.

It was inspiring to see and hear these women and to note the threads of their lives that tied them together in spite of their highly diverse areas of accomplishment, namely, the influence of their respective mothers and education. Significantly, there was hardly any mention of fathers.

This event would have been remarkable and outstanding had it been staged in a barn, but the fact there is a facility of such magnificence in our midst where it could be held made it all the more inspiring. After all, the facility itself was someone's idea, someone's dream. And then the dream had to be implemented, the funds raised, the myriad details attended to.

The idea, the dream, the details...all came about and is now an accomplished fact, contribution to the education of citizens of all ages, every creed, every color, every nationality - Belle Glade's Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

There should be a Dolly Hand in every community across our land.

Luther W. Oehlbeck, M.D.
LaBelle

City employee praises sanitation division, but doesn't agree with MGT study

Dear Editor:

I have been an employee with the City of Belle Glade for 17 years. I presently work for the Sanitation Division. It is one of the hardest working and well-organized divisions with the finest supervisors I have ever been associated with. I'm proud to be part of this team that serves the citizens of this community.

Even while saying this, I must add that I do not agree with the MGT study that was conducted for the city. This study has caused way too much friction and has overlooked way too many people.

Thank you.

Kenneth Mark Cook
Belle Glade

Last unidentified sport fish in North America gets a scientific name

By Cathy Keen

University of Florida News

This is no tall fish story. Scientists have identified a new species of bass, making the finned fighter likely the last game fish in North America to get a scientific name, says a University of Florida researcher.

"It's the end of an era in the sense that all the other bass and trout were discovered long ago, mostly in the 1700 and 1800s," said George Burgess, a UF ichthyologist who worked to establish the fish as a separate species. "From now on, scientists likely will describe only the smaller, cryptic species that have avoided detection despite our best efforts."

Burgess and James D. Williams, a scientist with the U.S. Geological Survey Laboratory in Gainesville, describe the new species of bass, called *Micropterus cataractae* and found in rivers in Florida, Georgia and Alabama, in the Oct. 8 edition of the journal "The Bulletin of the Florida Museum of Natural History."

The species getting a scientific name has actually been known by anglers for the last 50 years as the shoal bass because it thrives in the shoals of rivers, Burgess said. But no one was certain the fish was different from its closest relative, the spotted bass until Williams and Burgess noted key differences including coloration, absence of teeth on the tongue and number of rows of scales.

"Our research should put to rest any questions

about whether it's a valid species or merely a variant of one of the other species," Burgess said. "It's pretty much a slam dunk as far as we're concerned, and the scientific community already is aware of the fish."

As with all wildlife, the first species to be described are the most prominent, generally leaving only small critters and insects to be named, he said.

"When the first biologists trekked across America, expeditiously putting their hooks and nets in the water for the first time and shooting birds out of the sky and mammals out of the hills, the first creatures to be discovered were those that were particularly easy to catch and shoot," Burgess said. "What's exciting about this species is that it's a big fish and probably will be the last sport fish to be described in North American waters."

Scientific identification of the fish is of interest to Florida's huge sport-fishing industry, Burgess said, because it paves the way for conservation efforts to begin.

Shoal bass face many threats including dams, human population sprawl and the introduction of non-native fish species, he said.

"Largemouth bass are the primary species for sport fishing in freshwater here in Florida," he said. "There are numerous bass fishing tournaments that attract thousands of people to the state every year. The shoal bass, being a relative

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students could ding along their parents into participating.

Meanwhile, I'm left with the sick sensation that, like voting regularly, many citizens don't care, but when the circumstances are right, they complain.

Does anyone out there feel the same?"

More on mayor

I must say I'm very disappointed to read that the Mayor of Belle Glade and some other city officials feel Speak Out is a bad thing. As an elected official, Ms. Miller, you are accountable to the citizens of this city. Many people have thoughts and concerns about the way the city is run. However, Belle Glade is a small town with a lot of small town politics. People are made to be afraid that if they voice their opinions publicly, they will just be starting trouble for themselves. Sometimes it's city employees, who fear they will lose their jobs, sometimes it's a citizen who fears ridicule from other citizens who may disagree with them. There is a considerable amount of discrimination in this city, not just racially. There are "cliques" that run this town. We all know it, and many of us can't do anything about it. It's hard to even find an apartment to rent in this town if you don't meet the right people's "requirements." Speak Out gives the citizens of Belle Glade, Pahokee, Canal Point and South Bay an opportunity to speak their minds without fear of ridicule or repercussions. I hope that the City comes up with a plan for responding to Speak Out. I really feel that if they don't, things will only degenerate further. Thank you to *The Sun* for this opportunity to Speak Out.

Editor's note: We received several additional calls from citizens concerned about Belle Glade Mayor Harma Miller's comments that she will no longer respond to Speak Out. Since they basically said the same as the previous calls and our space was limited, we will not run them all.



Paula Swaford, a nurse at Glades General Hospital, was the guest speaker at the March 28 Rotary meeting in Belle Glade. She spoke to the group about stress and how to manage it.

CRIME STOPPERS

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate **Barbara Ann Jones** who is wanted for neglect of a child.

Jones is a black female, 5'8" tall, and weighs 160 pounds. She has black hair and brown eyes and her date of birth is February 23, 1974. Her last known address was 1150 Martin Luther King Blvd, Apt. 4, South Bay. Her Social

Security number is unknown and her last occupation is also unknown. Her warrant was active as of March 28, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of **Barbara Ann Jones**, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Barbara Ann Jones

Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 589 complaints and gave 65 traffic citations the week of March 27-April 2.

Those arrested included:

March 27 - Kerry Shannon, 20, domestic battery; **Edwin Salinas**, 21, trespassing after warning; **Willie Earl Stevenson**, 35, battery and resisting arrest without violence.

March 28 - Willie Ray Ivery, 41, resisting an officer without violence.

March 29 - Juvenile, 16; battery; **Jerry Seymour Jr.**, 21, petty theft.

March 30 - Eric Dominguez, 28, possession of marijuana over 20 grams.

March 31 - Tracy Davis, 22, failure to appear on charges of possession of alcohol by a minor, warrants for resisting arrest without violence and no or improper driver's license and failure to appear on charges of violation of a traffic control device; **Felipe Dejesus**, 25, possession of cocaine; **Little Mac Williams**, 20, strong arm robbery, petty theft, opposing and obstructing police, violation of probation and failure to appear on charges of using a false name, no driver's license and driving while license suspended or revoked. He is also charged with escape;

Juvenile, 7, aggravated battery; **Deric Willis**, 26, battery on a law enforcement officer and possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

April 1 - Juvenile, 11, retail theft and failure to appear on charges of petty theft; **Juvenile**, 16, grand theft auto and felony fleeing and eluding; **Virginia Adams**, 23, aggravated domestic assault and domestic battery; **Arther Baynes**, 25, domestic battery on a pregnant female; **Jacobo Garcia**, 27, possession of cocaine; **Fidel Diaz**, 25, sale of cocaine.

April 2 - Evin Jones, 29, refusal to sign notice to appear and refusal to sign traffic citation; **Parrish Robertson**, 37, retail theft and resisting arrest without violence; **Tamisha Kelley**, 26, retail theft; **Tyjuan Shannonhouse**, 21, loitering and prowling and possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 10 arrests the week of March 26-April 1.

Those arrested included:

March 26 - Jeryl S. Maddie, 23, battery; **Terrence F. West**, 29, violation of the open container law.

March 27 - Edward E. Coburn, 19, possession of marijuana under 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia; **Vincent**

Flowers, 30, warrant for failure to appear on a violation of probation hearing; **Anthony Bennett**, 30, warrant for failure to appear on a case disposition for felony driving without a driver's license.

March 28 - No arrests made.

March 29 - Kevin Lawrence, 36, battery.

March 31 - Christopher F. Smith, 18, weapons violation; **James M. Perkins**, 28, weapons violation.

April 1 - James E. Demps, 20, obstructing justice; **Sam Smith**, 43, warrant for failure to appear.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department handled 149 calls, made 5 arrests and issued eight traffic citations the week of March 27-April 2.

Those arrested included:

March 27 - No arrests made.

March 28 - Shirley Moore, 35, warrant for violation of probation.

March 29 - No arrests made.

March 30 - No arrests made.

March 31 - Doris Henderson, 40, aggravated battery, assault on a law enforcement officer and possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

April 1 - Ingrid B. Johnson, 39, obstruction and opposing an officer; **Robert Starks**, 37, possession of drug paraphernalia; **Douglas Thompson**, 38, battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest with violence.

April 2 - No arrests made.

PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office made 6 arrests the week of March 28-April 2.

Those arrested included:

March 28 - No arrests made.

March 29 - No arrests made.

March 30 - No arrests made.

March 31 - Juvenile, 15, Belle Glade, aggravated battery; **Baretta Mathis**, 24, Pahokee, burglary residence, battery on a law enforcement officer, domestic assault, and resisting officer with violence.

April 1 - Hugo Rodriguez, 29, Belle Glade, simple battery (domestic).

April 2 - Juvenile, Belle Glade, aggravated assault with a knife (domestic); **Ivan Maze**, 30, Belle Glade, DUI; **Jaquetta M. Williams**, 19, Pahokee, simple battery.

Try catching that rainbow

Mike Lyons

The other day I saw a spectacular sight: Just before sunrise I noticed a huge thunderstorm several miles over the ocean. This storm looked like most Florida thunderstorms full of billowing clouds, roaring thunder and dazzling lightning.

What made it unique was the lightning was streaking across the upper one third of the cloud. It looked as if someone was turning a lamp on and off.

If you've lived in Florida for that mother of time you know that Mother Nature can dazzle us in many ways. From our legendary sunrises to unforgettable sunsets, the weather can put on quite a show. Some people think our violent thunderstorms are beautiful, especially lightning racing across the sky.

Of all of the world's natural phenomena, however, a rainbow has always been my favorite. Ever since I was a kid I have been fascinated with rainbows. Where do they come from and is there really a pot of

gold where the rainbow meets the ground?

Throughout history rainbows have been perceived more often with wonder and delight than with fear perhaps because we see a rainbow shortly after a storm. It gives us a feeling of optimism, a sense that everything is OK.

The legend that you'll find a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow is about 200 years old. It originated in the 19th century book "Teutonic Mythology." Author Jacob Grimm writes: "where the rainbow reaches the earth, there is a gold dish."

Finding that "gold dish" is another matter. Have you ever tried walking toward a "rainbow"? It can be a very frustrating experience. As you get closer to the rainbow it seems to move away from you because the wind tends to move the rain clouds away.

Even if you do catch up with it, the rainbow will disappear. In order to see the rainbow you must be located between the sun and the raindrops. Once you enter the rainbow you can't see the reflected light and the rainbow is gone.

Not everyone has been enamored with rainbows as we have. The Karens of Burma thought rainbows were demonic spirits that devoured human spirit. They blamed any accident, particularly drowning, on rainbows.

Some cultures thought a rainbow was a weapon. The

people of Siberia, Lapland and Finland believed a rainbow was a bow used by the thunder god to shoot lightning arrows into the sky. Still others thought the rainbow was a bridge from their world to the spirit world.

Aristotle was the first scientist to figure out that rainbows form when raindrops reflect sunlight. In order to see a rainbow you must be standing with the sun at your back and rain must be falling in another part of the sky.

As light enters the raindrop, the sun produces a spectrum of colors. The outside rim of the bow begins with reddish tones blending through parallel bands of yellow, green and blue to the inside of the rainbow. Sometimes you'll see a secondary rainbow. Its colors are in reverse order, with blue on the outside rim and red on the inside.

The best time to see a rainbow is immediately after a rain shower passes on by and when the sun begins to shine behind the storm. But the easiest way to see a rainbow is to create one yourself.

Grab a garden hose, place your thumb over the end of the nozzle to produce a misty spray and then stand with the sun behind you. You should see a vivid rainbow right in front of you.

Making a rainbow is easy. Finding the pot of gold is tough.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV.)

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of the largemouth bass, generates particular interest among anglers in Florida as well as Georgia and Alabama."

The shoal bass is much rarer than the largemouth bass because it has a geographically limited range and more particular habitat requirements, Burgess said.

Williams said shoal bass are threatened by habitat loss

caused by a series of dams on the Chattahoochee, Flint and Apalachicola rivers. Unlike other bass found in deep reservoirs and rivers, the shoal bass survives only in shoal areas in rivers and large creeks.

Booming population growth around Atlanta is diminishing the quality of the Flint River, another favorite haunt of the shoal bass, he said.

And a potential future problem is whether the shoal bass

will face competition for food and habitat as other species of fish are introduced into South-eastern rivers, he said.

"Now that we finally have formal recognition of this new species of bass, we can move forward in carrying out conservation programs and habitat protection programs that we couldn't do in the past without a scientific name or description," Williams said.

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Rocky J. Sparks and Debra Sue Riley

Riley-Sparks to wed

Mr. and Mrs. David Riley of Belle Glade are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Sue Riley to Rocky J. Sparks of Pahokee.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sparks of Pahokee.

The wedding is planned for

July 27 at The Belle Glade Marina Pavilion.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of West Technical Education Center.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Glades Day.

After the wedding, the couple will reside in Belle Glade.

Dolly and Homer Hand to be honored by Stetson

Belle Glade residents Dolly and Homer Hand will be presented with the Doyle E. Carlton Award from Stetson University during The Gala, a performance of internationally known artists from Stetson University's School of Music at the Royal Poinciana Playhouse at 8 p.m. April 15.

The Carlton Award is presented in recognition of devotion to Christian higher education and is in appreciation for extraordinary contributions to the life and development of Stetson University, the city of Deland and the state of Florida.

In making their Palm Beach debut, the program will feature the best in instrumental and vocal entertainment, with nearly 300 student and faculty

musicians performing in small and large ensembles. Selections will include Bach, Beethoven and Mozart, as well as patriotic pieces, Broadway hits, Big Band Era swing and jazz.

Doors to the Royal Poinciana Playhouse will open at 7 p.m. and the concert will begin at 8 p.m.

Under the leadership of Dr. James Woodward, dean of the school of music, The Gala has successfully performed to full houses in Daytona Beach and Orlando over the past five years.

Tickets to the gala are \$15 and are available by calling 1-800-688-4287.

Proceeds will benefit the school of music.

Obituary

Benjamin F. Corbett, 55, of Canal Point died Friday, March 28, 2000 at his home. He was born in Atkinson County, Ga. in 1914 and moved to the Canal Point area in 1930. Mr. Corbett was a long distance truck driver for many years, hauling produce to northern markets. He was also a member of the Air Force during World War II.

Mr. Corbett is survived by his loving wife, Thelma of Canal Point; three daughters, Connie Barnes of Benton, Ark., Joann Vives of Clewiston and Brenda Brady of Pahokee; four brothers, Ralph Corbett of Beaufort, Or., Talmage Corbett of Lamon, Henry Corbett of Sebring and Bobby White of Lake Placid; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 1 at Glades Funeral Chapel in Belle Glade with Rev. Bill Dever officiating. Interment followed at Port Mayaca Cemetery.

Arrangements by Glades Funeral Chapel, Belle Glade.



The Tomlin Family to perform at Miracle Temple Friday

The Tomlin Family, a Southern gospel music group, will perform Saturday, April 8 at Miracle Temple, 104 S. W. 16th Street (SR 715) Belle Glade at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Over 200 enjoy Pahokee Sunset Watch

Pahokee Main Street and the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce served corn on the cob, provided by Hugh H. Branch, Inc., to more than 200 guests at their March Sunset Watch. They were entertained by a professional square dance caller and joined in the fun with his troupe to learn the steps and turns. Native author, Ann O'Connell Rust was there to sign the books purchased by those eager to learn more about the

real Florida. Maria Mills displayed beautiful paintings as well as Sunset Watch t-shirts by "Design Mills," and Sandra Jarriel offered her delicious "Jarriel's Jamellies."

"What a great time we had as we welcomed guests from 10 states, 17 cities, and six countries, including Germany, Scotland, England, Canada, Spain and Sweden," said Barbara Branch, Sunset Watch Chair. "As the sun sets we play a bagpipe version of

"Amazing Grace," which really impressed the folks from Scotland and set the mood for the evening."

Shirley Jarriel, Pahokee Main Street Coordinator, expressed her thanks to all of those who have worked to make this event successful.

"The objective of the Sunset Watch is to attract visitors to our beautiful lakefront, to entertain and attract more campers to our campground and to promote Pahokee busi-

nesses. We are pleased that this objective has been met and exceeded.

"I would especially like to recognize the following who give so much: Hugh H. Branch, Inc., Foodland of Pahokee, Marie Branch, Alice and Don Thompson, Judy Fowler, Wayne Jarriel, Paul and Bruce Levins, the City of Pahokee and of course, Barbara Branch who is always working to promote this community."

Xi Zeta Mu name their 'Girl of the Year'

Xi Zeta Mu held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Judy McMillan on Monday, Feb. 28. Laurel Tarr and Gredale York served as co-hosts.

A delicious array of salads were enjoyed by all. Pat McKee presented a program on the art of creating a vegetable tree centerpiece. Janise Gorfth, club president, presided over the business meeting. Jane Evans was the gift raffle winner.

Perfect attendance pins were awarded to Karen Corbin, 14 years, Linda McMillan, 12 years, Judy McMillan, 10 years, Gloria

Swager, 9 years, Sandra Chamblee, 7 years, Laura Mae Enfinger, 7 years, Gredale York, 6 years, Janise Gorfth, 4 years, Sara Phillips, 3 years, and Laurel Tarr, 2 years.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Sandra Chamblee was honored with a surprise 60th birthday celebration. Those in attendance were: Florence Acree, Karen Corbin, Laura Mae Enfinger, Jane Evans, Janise Gorfth, Pat McKee, Judy McMillan, Linda McMillan, Laverne Motes, Sara Phillips, Gloria Swager, Laurel Tarr, and Gredale York.

Xi Zeta Mu's annual "Girl of the Year Party" was held on Saturday, March 18 with dinner at the Hall of Fame Restaurant in Royal Palm Beach. Following dinner, desserts and the presentation of "Girl of the Year" honors to Sara Phillips at her home. Ms. Phillips was presented with a lovely crystal bowl.

Those in attendance were: Florence Acree, Sandra Chamblee, Karen and Gordon Corbin, Jane Evans, Pat and Jerry McKee, Judy McMillan, Linda McMillan, Laverne Motes, Sara Phillips, Gloria Swager and Tom Swager and Gredale York.

Members of Xi Zeta Mu Sorority have taken part in several social outings in recent weeks. The chapter's anniversary luncheon was held at the historic Sundy house in Delray Beach on Saturday, Feb. 26. Following the luncheon, members enjoyed a lovely tour of the tropical botanical gardens. The afternoon ended with shopping and a movie. Those in attendance were: Karen Corbin, Sandra Chamblee, Laura Mae Enfinger, Pat McKee, Judy McMillan, Linda McMillan, Laverne Motes, Sara Phillips, Gloria Swager and Gredale York.

Belle Glade teen performs at 'Reach for the Stars' rally



Moira Konchella

Community High School Chorus and Street Band, a community chorus of teenagers. She also received a superior rating in Thespians

Individual Event District Competition, where she sang the show tune, "Home," from "The Wiz."

The rally attracted 2,000 middle and high school students from throughout Palm Beach County and was sponsored by "Boca Raton Promise." "Boca's Promise" is an affiliate of "America's Promise-The Alliance for Youth," founded three years ago by General Powell, a "national crusade aimed at producing a significant nationwide increase in positive youth development support for all children who need help."

Students were treated to motivational speakers, a talent show, exhibitors from medical, literacy and other help organizations throughout the county, as well as lunch. Among students attending the rally from the Glades were participants in the Glades Leadership Council, College Outreach Program and Communities in Schools.

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Pahokee Lady Blue Devils softball, vs. St. Edwards, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day Gators JV baseball vs. St. Andrews, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day Gators varsity baseball vs. St. Andrews, home, 7 p.m.

Glades Central varsity baseball vs. Jupiter, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators JV softball vs. St. Andrews, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators varsity softball vs. St. Andrews, home, 4 p.m.

Glades Central tennis vs. John Leonard, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day tennis vs. Lake Placid, home, 4 p.m.

April 7, 2000

Glades Central track team, conference, home, 3:30 p.m.

Glades Day Gators varsity baseball vs. Glades Central, away, 7 p.m.

Pahokee track team, conference, away, 3:30 p.m.

Glades Central varsity baseball vs. Glades Day, home, 7 p.m.

Glades Central Lady Raiders softball vs. Royal Palm Beach, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators JV softball vs. Moore Haven, away, 4 p.m.

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Space Games filmed at Pahokee Airport to be distributed worldwide by Sony Television

New Tribe Entertainment, a West Palm Beach based production company, has announced a licensing agreement with AXN Sony Television Network. The Space Games extreme flying events taped at Skydive America in Pahokee will now be seen throughout the world. AXN premiered the first two shows on their Latin American action network. With over 44 million viewers tuning in for the first two episodes, Space Games is already proving to be a huge success for AXN Sony and New Tribe Entertainment.

New Tribe President, Larry Kerschenbaum, says he is "proud that Space Games is becoming an international product. We're thrilled with the deal and look forward to the many more to come."

This red hot, West Palm Beach based production company has a new market, a new video and a new event. Skydive America is hosting the first World Championship Space Games event at its Palm Beach County facility, West Glades Airport, from March 31-April 3, 2000.

"Further, Faster, Higher" is the motto of the Space Games. Comprised of six different freestyle competitions, athletes compete at speeds exceeding 300 mph. Athletes from all over the world are

expected to fly in and compete for the grand prize of \$25,000. Fans and onlookers searching for a vicarious thrill are welcome to attend. Contact Skydive America at 1-800-BLUE-SKY for details.

The competition is the brainchild of Olav Zipser, German champion in the four-way and eight way events in 1988 who, partnered with former investment banker Kerschenbaum, are the owners and operators of Skydive America in at the Palm Beach County Airport at Pahokee.

"This is a very fast growing sport. We have four competitions a year, and when we had the first at the end of 1997, there were eight licensed people, now there are 183 people," Mr. Zipser said.

At each round of competition, skydivers earn points to qualify for the championship.

"It's the first skydiving competition to concentrate on racing. Before, you might have four people perform a sequence of moves, and later on video compare that with the next four. It's not really a race—it would be like if we had a marathon from here to New York and you start today and I start next week. In the space games, you're traveling 180 mph shoulder to shoulder, performing the maneuvers—it brings out the best athlete."

Among the events the skydivers compete in are the Free Flight Indy 500, in which two divers, flying at 150-160 mph fly through a "gate" made of two pilons and then rotate around them, performing two 360-degree rotations on either side of the "gate." Another, called the "Bermuda Triangle Tracking Race" in which contestants are judged by the "glide ratio" and their precision in estimating a targeted landing in a jump from two miles.

"It's not by accident that you land some where. Even in freefall, you're manipulating the way you fly through the sky and by your adjustments, the aerodynamic impact of your body," Mr. Zipser explained.

The other competition, for which the event is named, "Space Ball" involves two divers flying simultaneously with a weighted tennis ball, released by a space ball master, who must perform three different rotations. The skydiver who is fastest, most precise and closest to the space ball wins.

"The free flyer tries to put harmony in the low and high pressure areas around the body—executing the move with the minimum of movement, which only works because you're in an accelerated space," Mr. Zipser said.

New Tribe Entertainment plans

to complete several more shows at the West Glades Airport facility of Skydive America and will market these shows for both television and extreme sports distribution.

The company has also released "Clouds Edge," a video highlighting some of the spectacular moments from previous Space Games adventures. The video has captured the attention of the national and international skydiving community and was recently featured in "Skydiving," a national trade magazine. The rave reviews are pouring in about this exciting and innovative new video.

Film Commissioner Chuck Elder says, "New Tribe is making things happen. Pahokee and the Glades area are being put on the international map as a profitable venue for sporting competition and film and television production. Skydive America and New Tribe Entertainment are creating interest in the western communities. They are creating jobs, but most importantly, they are bringing tourists to Palm Beach County. With the AXN Sony licensing agreement, this trend of developing employment opportunities and cultivating tourism in the western communities will continue, most likely at an accelerated rate."

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The government is contemplating purchasing 250,000 tons of surplus sugar in an effort to boost its domestic price. Such a purchase is expected to cost taxpayers \$100 million.

However, the government grip of the situation is slipping due to abundant domestic crops and rising imports.

Sugar prices for farmers have dropped 25 percent since last year.

do with the excess sugar is another question officials are working on.

One idea is to donate it overseas, although no country has expressed an interest in it. Another option is to sell it at a deep discount for refining into ethanol.

Until recently, the Agriculture Department has been able to keep domestic sugar prices three times higher than the global price by regulating supplies.

Producers are threatening to forfeit to the government over \$500 million worth of sugar that was pledged as collateral on federal marketing loans.

About 1.3 million tons of sugar are now under government loan and subject to forfeiture, the first of which could begin in July. Economists predict forfeitures are inevitable unless USDA buys some sugar to lift domestic prices.

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Rep. Foley says effort to end citrus canker receiving \$40 million

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Florida's state symbol, the orange, and other citrus in the state are getting some help to end a threatening disease. The House of Representatives passed legislation which includes \$40million in funding to help eradicate the problem of citrus canker in Florida.

Florida Congressman Mark Foley (R) said he was pleased the 2000 Supplemental Appropriations Bill, which included funds for emergencies that were not included in the annual budget process, recognized the seriousness citrus canker is having on Florida.

Despite the fact that the Clinton Administration failed to include funds for citrus canker in its emergency appropriation request, the House included the funds. Foley said it was the personal discussions he and Florida's other members of Congress made to the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Congressman Bill Young (R) also of Florida.

Citrus is unquestionably one of Florida's most notable products. Citrus Canker presents a direct threat to this industry and I am pleased that Congress recognized the

seriousness of this problem. Recently, there has been significant progress in opening China as a market for Florida's citrus. Ensuring that we put an end to citrus canker will further our efforts to open markets, said Foley.

Action 310 of the Supplemental Appropriations Bill states "the committee recommends \$40,000,000 for the replacement of commercial lime, orange, and grapefruit trees that have been removed to control citrus canker. The principal method for controlling the spread of citrus canker is tree removal, followed by a period of two years for the soil to allow, without replanting, the citrus canker bacteria to subside in the soil. The current program calls for the removal of trees within a 1,900 foot radius of any detected citrus canker. With current estimates of total affected acreage, deducting federal crop insurance indemnity, the committee estimates that \$25,000,000 will be required for replanting. An additional \$15,000,000 will be required for other trees to be removed to compensate growers for lost production."

Foley said he was pleased that in committee's report it recognized, the state Florida is increasing its effort to control and eradicate citrus canker during the current fiscal year.

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* 0.9% APR in lieu of factory rebate. WAC. † Savings based on MSRP financed for 60 months at 9.9% APR versus MSRP financed for 60 months at 0.9% APR. ‡ Dealer rebate at retailer's discretion including qualified college graduate rebates, plus tax and dealer fees. Chrysler registered sales for month of July 1999. § Dodge Durango, 36 mo. lease, 12K miles per year, \$4199 mo. \$4000 cash reduction, cash or trade plus inceptions. Minimum 720 down score or above. With approved credit, 3 vehicles to choose at the price. ¶ Dodge Ram, 12K miles per year, \$4000 cash or trade reduction, cash or trade plus inceptions. Minimum 720 down score or above. With approved credit, 3 vehicles to choose at the price. †† Dodge Ram, 12K miles per year, \$4000 cash or trade reduction, cash or trade plus inceptions. Minimum 720 down score or above. With approved credit, 3 vehicles to choose at the price. ‡‡ Dodge Ram, 12K miles per year, \$4000 cash or trade reduction, cash or trade plus inceptions. Minimum 720 down score or above. With approved credit, 1 vehicle to choose at this price. Offers cannot be combined. § See dealer for details. Vehicle not for financing over 36000. Current law.

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